



July 31, 2009

Mr. Bill Kuhlke, Jr.
Chairman of State Transportation Board
P.O. Box 1693
Augusta, Georgia 30903

Dear Mr. Kuhlke:

Pursuant to Section 32-2-79 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, the Georgia Department of Transportation ("Department") identifies and reports to the State Transportation Board ("Board") the following list of projects that afford the greatest gains in congestion mitigation or promotion of economic development. In creating this list, the Department has considered the investment policies identified in Section 32-2-41.1(a) of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated.

As a preliminary matter, it should be noted that the requirement to submit a P3 project candidate list to the Board is a requirement under SB 200, which was enacted in May 2009. Given the July 31, 2009 reporting deadline and that the next opportunity to submit a list is July 31, 2011, the Department has taken an inclusive approach to identifying P3-eligible projects. However, this list is not a commitment to procure these projects as a P3 under SB 200. The objective of the Department is to work closely with the Director of Planning to ensure that all P3 projects are consistent with the Statewide Strategic Transportation Plan. Also, the Department intends to apply a disciplined and comprehensive screening process to prioritize and select projects that, in the best interest of the State of Georgia, should be procured under Section 32-2-80 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated. The goal is to identify and categorize P3 projects that may be developed in the near-term, mid-term, and long-term.

Projects

Description

Highway

Managed Lane System Plan Projects	Projects as developed through the Managed Lane System Plan. These projects include, but are not limited to: I-75/575 (NW Corridor), I-75S in Henry County and SR 400 in Fulton and Forsyth Counties.
IT3 Capacity Improvement Projects	Capacity and congestion relief projects that address needs identified in the IT3 Report. These projects include, but are not limited to: the Jimmy DeLoach Connector (at the Savannah Port) and Gwinnett Connector in Gwinnett County

Projects	Description
Transit/Rail	
High Speed Rail National Network – Georgia Corridors	High Speed Intercity passenger service on the portions of Southeast and Southern national designated high speed corridors.
Intercity Passenger Rail Program Projects	Development of Intercity passenger service in strategic segments such as Atlanta to Macon.
Downtown Atlanta Multimodal Passenger Terminal	Development of a passenger facility to accommodate passenger rail services as well as bus service from local and regional providers. Transit oriented development could be part of the project with overbuild possibilities.
Miscellaneous	
Statewide Operations & Concessions for Welcome Centers & Rest Areas	Statewide private sector participation with State owned Welcome Centers and Rest Areas.

The Department looks forward to working with the Board in identifying and implementing the next steps and activities to ensure a successful P3 program under SB 200. Please contact Earl Mahfuz, Assistant Treasurer, 404-631-1003 should you have any questions or require additional information.

Sincerely,



Vance C. Smith, Jr.
Commissioner

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cc: Board Members